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1. AS REQUESTED BY REFTEL, ON MAY 16 EMBASSY CONTACTED ACADEMY OF SCIENCES CONCERNING VISA PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY MEMBERS OF USDEL TO SUBJECT SYMPOSIUM. EMBASSY PROVIDED TO ACADEMY COPY OF NAS MAY 15 TELEX CONTAINED REFTEL AND REQUESTED ACADEMY TO ENSURE AMENDMENT OF VISAS ISSUED ALREADY ISSUED TO PERMIT MAY 20 ENTRY HERE. A.N. KHARITONOV RESPONDED THAT THE ACADEMY WOULD RESOLVE THE VISA PROBLEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH US REQUEST BUT HE NOTED THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WILL REISSUE OR OTHERWISE AMEND THE VISAS IT HAS ALREADY ISSUED. RATHER, HE CLAIMED THAT AMENDMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT SHERMET'YEVO AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL OF THE SEVEN US PHYSICISTS IDENTIFIED IN MAY 15 NAS TELEX. KHARITONOV CONFIRMED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ACADEMY WILL BE ON HAND AT THE AIRPORT TO GREET THE US SCIENTISTS ARRIVING MAY 20 ON PAN AM 66 AND HE URGED THAT USDEL ARRIVE THAT

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DATE AS PLANNED. KHARITONOV ALSO NOTED THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUBJECT SYMPOSIUM ARE IN EXCELLENT ORDER.

2. COMMENT. BASED ON PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, WE ARE SKEPTICAL THAT THE SOVIETS WILL BE ABLE TO ARRANGE SMOOTH VISA AMENDMENT AT THE AIRPORT HERE. FURTHERMORE, WE DOUBT THAT USDEL WILL BE ABLE TO BOARD AIRCRAFT FOR

FLIGHT TO USSR WITHOUT VISAS VALID FOR MAY 20 ENTRY.
EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM WITH ACADEMY
MAY 17 AND WILL ADVISE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE. IN THE MEAN-
TIME, WE ADVISE AGAINST MAY 20 ARRIVAL DESPITE ASSURANCES
GIVEN BY ACADEMY.

3. DEPARTMENT AND/OR NAS MAY WANT TO USE THIS MESSAGE
TO TRY TO OBTAIN REQUESTED VISA AMENDMENTS FROM THE
SOVIET EMBASSY. END COMMENT.

4. FOR OES/APT. PLEASE TELEPHONE THE FOREGOING TO
LARRY MITCHELL AT NAS. TOON

NOTE BY OC/T: REFERENCE BELIEVED INCORRECT.

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